BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2002-35-C - ORDER NO. 2002-221

MARCH 26, 2002

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.,) ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION FOR
Complainant,) FILING RESPONSE
vs.)
ALLTEL Communications, Inc.,)
Respondent)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the request of Respondent ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL") for an extension of the thirty-day time limit to answer and otherwise respond to the Complaint of Complainant BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") (collectively, the "parties") concerning sums alleged by BellSouth to be due and owing from ALLTEL for access services during the period between October, 1999 and December, 2001. Pursuant to Commission Regulations 103-837 and 103-841, ALLTEL is required to file its response with BellSouth and the Executive Director of the Commission within thirty (30) days after service of Notice and Complaint. The record reveals that ALLTEL was duly noticed and served.

On March 14, 2002, by its counsel, ALLTEL filed a request for a thirty (30) day extension of time to file a Response to the Complaint of BellSouth. ALLTEL states that

the parties have engaged in discussions regarding the potential resolution of various

claims and disputes existing between the parties, and the parties have reached an

agreement which resolves the various claims and disputes. ALLTEL provides further that

the parties' agreement has been drafted but the parties have not been able to finalize and

execute the documents, although it is anticipated that the parties will execute the

settlement documentation and that BellSouth will dismiss its Complaint within the

requested thirty (30) day extension time period. Additionally, ALLTEL states that

BellSouth's counsel consents to the request for an extension of time for ALLTEL's

Response.

The Commission finds and concludes that ALLTEL's request to file its Response

to BellSouth's Complaint should be granted. Accordingly, ALLTEL shall file its

Response on or before April 22, 2002.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Chairman

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